## COVID-19 Social Media Release:

In order to "flatten the curve" of COVID-19, Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam issued a <u>Public Health Emergency Order</u> mandating that all restaurants, fitness centers, and theaters "reduce seating capacity to 10 patrons" at a given time.

We recognize the important service these establishments provide in our community, not only through the provision of food, drink, and entertainment, but also support our local economy. However, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 virus, everyone must work together. Please consider carry-out and takeaway options rather than sit-in dining. The Health Department is encouraging the community to avoid mass gatherings (with more than 10 people) and maintain a social distance (6 feet) from others. By working together, we will stay strong and healthy so together we can beat the challenges posed by this disease.

Additional information can be found at the Virginia Department of Health, the VDH Facebook page and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) at the following web links.

http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/

https://www.facebook.com/VDHgov

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html

If you have any questions please contact the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health at 757-518-2700, option 3.